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**THE UNITED STATES WILL SOON KNOCK AT THE DOORS OF CANADA FOR WHEAT.**

**A Crop of 60,000,000 Bushels of Wheat Will Be the Record of 1904.**

The results of the threshing in Western Canada are not yet completed, but from information at hand, it is safe to say that the average per acre will be reasonably high, and a fair estimate will place the total yield of wheat at 60,000,000 bushels. At present prices this will add to the wealth of the farmers nearly \$60,000,000. Then think of the immense yield of oats and barley, and the large herds of cattle, for all of which good prices will be paid.

The following official telegram was sent by Honorable Clifford Sifton, Minister of the Interior, to Lord Strathcona, High Commissioner for Canada:

"Am now able to state definitely that under conditions of unusual difficulty in Northwest a fair average crop of wheat of good quality has been reaped and is now secure from substantial damage. The reports of injury by frost and rust were grossly exaggerated. The wheat of Manitoba and Northwest Territories will aggregate from fifty-five to sixty million bushels. The quality is good and the price is ranging around one dollar per bushel."

Frank H. Spearman, in the Saturday Evening Post, says:

"When our first transcontinental railroad was built, learned men attempted by isotherman demonstration to prove that wheat could not profitably be grown north of where the line was projected; but the real granary of the world lies up to 300 miles north of the Canadian Pacific railroad, and the day is not definitely distant when the United States will knock at the doors of Canada for its bread. Railroad men see such a day; it may be hoped that statesmen also will see it, and arrange their reciprocities while they may do so gracefully. Americans already have swarmed into that far country and to a degree have taken the American wheat field with them. Despite the fact that for years a little Dakota station on the St. Paul road—Eureka—held the distinction of being the largest primary grain market in the world, the Dakotas and Minnesota will one day yield their palm to Saskatchewan."

**Intellectualty is the cause of baldness.** So says a baldheaded scientist

**Warning to Housewives.**

The average consumer of baking powder does not know that a reaction occurs in the process of baking. Whenever a chemical reaction takes place, the nature of the original materials is entirely changed, so that the substances which remain in the food to be eaten are very different from those which composed the baking powder before baking. For this reason, the statement that a baking powder contains alum or cream of tartar is a statement that is entirely untrue. The consumer wants to know is what goes into his stomach, not what is in the can. Food prepared with a cream of tartar baking powder does not contain any cream of tartar, just as food prepared with alum baking powder is free from alum. In the case of the high-priced trust baking powders this bread residue consists of Rochelle Salts, the active ingredient of Sedlitz Powders. That is, when food prepared with these trust baking powders is eaten, the consumer is taking a dose of Sedlitz Powders. Rochelle Salts is a medicine and not a food, and this constant dosing will seriously damage the digestive organs. Prof. Wiley, chemist of the United States Department of Agriculture, has declared in substance that "A loaf of bread made from a quart of flour leavened with cream of tartar baking powder contains 45 grains more of Rochelle Salts than is contained in one Sedlitz Powder. At a hearing before the Committee on Public Health of the Massachusetts Legislature a bill designed to prevent this wholesale dosing of the public, the following eminent Boston physicians testified against the healthfulness of Rochelle Salts and strongly recommended the passage of a law which would prohibit the sale of powders which left this dangerous drug in food: Dr. Hartung, Dr. C. D. Kepler, Dr. P. B. Foster, Dr. G. M. Palmer.

Why should the consumer pay forty-five or fifty cents per pound for baking powder when the best baking powder in the world can be made to retail at twenty-five cents per pound (the price asked for Calumet Baking Powder) and leave a fair manufacturer's profit? The manufacturers of Calumet Baking Powder have for years made a standing offer of \$1,000 for any substance injurious to health found in food. Good. Use in time. Sold by druggists.

**CONSUMPTION**

The fool-killer should be removed from office for cause.

**HAD CAUGHT THE FISH.**

**Typical Story of the East Told by Mrs. Gardner.**

Mrs. John Lyon Gardner of Boston exhibited some beautiful asters at the recent show of the Massachusetts Horticultural society.

One evening some one narrated to Mrs. Gardner a humorous story of an exhibitor who had tried to bribe the judges of a flower show into giving him all the first prizes. She commented on the story thus:

"The man had probably heard of the cadi of Bagdad. This cadi had been in his youth a fisherman, and, to keep himself in mind of his humble origin, there was always spread upon his dinner table a huge fishing net.

"People admired the cadi for this exhibition of humility. He was rich, and his house was sumptuous. But, amid all that elegance, the net, the sign of the man's lowly birth, was always prominently displayed.

"The story of the net spread through the city, and finally it reached the ears of the caliph. He, in due time, sent for the cadi, took him into his favor and made him the grand vizier.

"Thus," said Haroun al Raschid, "we reward humility."

"From the day of the appointment the grand vizier ceased to exhibit his fishing net. It disappeared and it was never spoken of.

"Once though, a visitor, a man of considerable impudence, said to the vizier:

"Why is it, my lord, that your net is no longer spread upon your table?"

"The vizier smiled and quietly replied: "It has caught the fish."

**A Setback.**

Henry James, after an absence of many years, has returned to America.

Mr. James has come to be regarded, especially by the younger writers, as the greatest American novelist. Pilgrimages are made to his beautiful English home in Rye, and a word of praise from the master is esteemed of greater worth than a page of praise from an ordinary newspaper or review.

A young American novelist took occasion to visit Mr. James during a European tour that he made in the summer. This novelist is successful and prolific. His books sell with astonishing speed and with astonishing speed he produces them.

After giving a little perfunctory praise to Mr. James' own work, the young man said:

"What do you think of my work, sir?"

"I think you write too much," Mr. James said candidly. "I think you'll never reach posterity if you carry so much luggage."

**Getting the Money's Worth.**

Mrs. Lane was young and inexperienced, but certain principles of economy had been instilled into her from childhood. She knew that since one could send ten words in a telegram for 25 cents and any smaller number cost the same amount, it was an obvious waste of money to send less than ten.

She had also been taught by her eminently practical husband that in sending a telegram one should "keep to the matter in hand," and avoid all confusion of words. On the occasion of Mr. Lane's first absence from home, he sent a telegram from Chicago, saying, "Are you all right? Answer. Blank Hotel, Chicago."

Mrs. Lane knew she must be wise, economical and speedy. For Mr. Lane was making a flying trip, and had told her he could not plan on his whereabouts long enough ahead to have a letter sent. She spent a few moments in agitated thought, and then proudly wrote the following message:

"Yes. Yes. Yes. I am very well indeed, thank you."—Youth's Companion.

**Just As of Yore.**

In the garden, long ago,  
Walked the lovers to and fro,  
Where the primrose buds were sleeping  
In a row.

Where the lily bells hung dreaming  
And the rainbow tint were gleaming  
On the dewdrops in the clover  
Just below.

In the garden, long ago,  
Some one whispered soft and slow  
An old, old story, sweet and tender,  
And I know

That the maiden fair who listened  
Drooped her bonny head, whilst glistened  
Her bright teardrops on his shoulder,  
Just below.

In the garden, long ago,  
Came her answer, sweet and low,  
And her lover caught and kissed her,  
(I heard so.)

And they wandered, idly dreaming  
Of the garden, midst the gleaming  
Of the dewdrops on the clover  
Just below.

**Better Late Than Never.**

"I believe you run an advertising column for 'personals,'" said the solemn man.

"Yes," replied the clerk.

"I want you to insert this advertisement: 'Will young woman who accepted seat of tall, thin man in cross-town car yesterday morning please pardon him for neglecting to thank her.' Sign it 'Absent-Minded Brute.'"

"Catholic Standard and Times.

**Grateful Change.**

Clara—Did you have pleasant weather at the springs this summer?  
Dora—No. It was hot, dreadfully so.

"Really uncomfortable, was it?"  
"Awfully. Why, the weather was so warm that when a man with a cool million proposed to me I accepted him at once."—New York Weekly.

**French Millionaires.**

The French ministry of finance has just published the statistics of wills proved in France in 1903, and from this it is evident that the number of very rich people in the country has been grossly exaggerated. Last year only 497 wills, leaving more than 1,000,000 francs, or \$40,000, were proved, and of these only 144 exceeded 2,000,000 francs, or \$80,000. There were only eight fortunes of over 10,000,000 francs, or \$400,000, and the highest of all was of the exceptional value of \$2,000,000. It is evident, then, that the real millionaires in France are very few, but it should be noted that rich men in France marry rich wives, so that a family may be much more wealthy than the will of either father or mother would imply.

**No Owner to Valuable Lands.**

Another parcel of real estate in Brooklyn is discovered to have no owner of record, and taxes are piling up on a \$350,000 slice of the Greenpoint district. Two weeks ago it was found that in South Brooklyn there were eleven parcels, valued at \$150,000, for which the city had no record of the owners. But the big parcel in Manhattan avenue, between Ash street and Newton creek, offers the most unaccountable mystery. Real estate agents have no knowledge of the owners. Who collects the rents for the factories on the land is a secret the tenants profess not to know.

**Hessian Money Made Rothschild Fortune.**

It is not generally known that the vast fortune of the Rothschilds is due in large degree to the money which England paid for the Hessians. When Napoleon was raiding Germany the elector of Hesse-Cassel intrusted this treasure to Meyer Anselm Rothschild, and the fidelity with which that famous Hebrew administered the trust raised him to that high place in international finances which the family, in its several branches, has since occupied and extended.

**Tobacco Receipts.**

The total government receipts from tobacco from all sources were \$44,655,808.75 for the fiscal year, against \$43,514,810.24 for the fiscal year 1902-1903, or an increase of \$1,140,998.51. This increase is participated in by all branches of the trade except cigar manufacture—here we see a decrease of \$236,756.01. As cigar manufacturing shows the worst condition, so tobacco manufacture shows the best condition. Receipts for this branch of the trade exceeded the receipts for the previous fiscal year by \$1,007,790.02.

**Many American Gulls.**

Before the Belfast Natural History Society J. Brown gave reasons for concluding that there are 2,000,000 gulls in the United Kingdom and that during the herring season each bird destroyed 200 fry a day, or 12,000 during the two months of the season. These, if they had come to maturity, would have been worth \$120,000,000.

**Where Much Money Lies.**

It is published in New York that Contractor J. B. McDonald filled in some swamps at Pelham bay with earth excavated from the Jerome park reservoir and made \$3,000,000 by the increased value of the lands. Perhaps somebody will do something similar with the Missouri valley overflowed lands some day.

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**Strawberry and Vegetable Dealers**

The Passenger Department of the Illinois Central Railroad Company have recently issued a publication known as Circular No. 12, in which is described the

**best territory in this country**

for the growing of early strawberries and early vegetables. Every dealer in such products should address a postal card to the undersigned at Dubuque, Iowa, requesting a copy of Circular No. 12.

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**Artistic Viola Repairing a Specialty**



Mrs. Anderson, a prominent society woman of Jacksonville, Fla., daughter of Recorder of Deeds, West, who witnessed her signature to the following letter, praises Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—There are but few wives and mothers who have not at times endured agonies and such pain as only women know. I wish such women knew the value of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. It is a remarkable medicine, different in action from any I ever knew and thoroughly reliable.

"I have seen cases where women doctored for years without permanent benefit, who were cured in less than three months after taking your Vegetable Compound, while others who were chronic and incurable came out cured, happy, and in perfect health after a thorough treatment with this medicine. I have never used it myself without gaining great benefit. A few doses restores my strength and appetite, and tones up the entire system. Your medicine has been tried and found true, hence I fully endorse it."—Mrs. R. A. ANDERSON, 225 Washington St., Jacksonville, Fla.

Mrs. Reed, 2425 E. Cumberland St., Philadelphia, Pa., says:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I feel it my duty to write and tell you the good I have received from Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"I have been a great sufferer with female trouble, trying different doctors and medicines with no benefit. Two years ago I went under an operation, and it left me in a very weak condition. I had stomach trouble, backache, headache, palpitation of the heart, and was very nervous; in fact, I ached all over. I find yours is the only medicine that reaches such troubles, and would cheerfully recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to all suffering women."

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